

## **The south of Vietnam**

Ben Tre Province is located 85 km South of Ho Chi Minh City in the Mekong River Delta, with an area of 2,315 km<sup>2</sup>. It lies below Tien Giang Province to the north, Vinh Long to the west, and Tra Vinh to the south. Ben Tre is nestled between two main branches of the Mekong's largest tributary, which diverges to create a fertile agricultural region and beautiful coastline. The seaside of Ben Tre Province is 60 km of Southern Vietnam's finest scenery, with an abundance of fascinating opportunities for the curious tourist of [Dulichso](#). Ben Tre is generally flat, with some surprising topographical features such as sand dunes and unique rock formations. There is a lot of farmland which takes advantage of the area's abundance of fresh water and alluvial soil. This is a place of diverse and complex river systems, winding water channels and canals. The weather in Ben Tre is typically monsoon tropical with high average temperatures of 26 to 27 °C. The rainy season usually begins in May and lasts until October, with average rainfall of 1,250 – 1,500mm a year. This climate provides the province with a wide variety of fruits, trees and animals, many of which are rare and valuable species.

At present, the population of Ben Tre is approximately 1.35 million people, based on the National Population Survey in 2009. The majority of the population is from the Kinh ethnic group, followed by Chinese, Khmer and Cham. Like people in other areas of the Mekong Delta River, residents in Ben Tre are humble, generous and hard-working, but they are also courageous and indomitable. This strength of character has proven itself time and again during the two wars of resistance against France and America.

Dalat is a city located on Lang Biang highlands – part of the Central Highlands region of Vietnam. Because of its history, special architecture, unique climate features and wide range of beautiful spots, Dalat is known as one of the most popular of Vietnam. Dalat looks like a cross between Vietnam and the French Alps. Many of its hotels and houses were built in a French style during the French colonization. There are many places for international tourists with [Vietnam visa on arrival](#) letter interested in architecture to visit, such as Dalat Railway Station, designed by French architects Moncet and Reveron, or Hang Nga guest house. The climate in Dalat is often called 'Eternal Spring' for its pleasantly warm temperatures during the day and quite cool at night, down to perhaps 10°C. Due to its favorable weather, Dalat is a supplier of temperate produce for all over Vietnam, for example, cabbage and cauliflower. Also, it has a nickname 'City of Flowers'. Its flower industry is highly developed and famous for two typical flowers: hydrangea and golden everlasting. Apart from architectural places of interest, Dalat also has lots of beautiful sites such as Xuan Huong Lake and Huong Road, Valley of Love – Phu Dong Thien Vuong Street, Lang Biang Mountain – has a 1900m peak, ideal for a 3-hour hike, Prenn Falls – 10km outside the town, Pongour Falls – one of the largest and widest waterfalls in Vietnam, 30km south of town on highway 20, etc... Tourists arriving in Dalat can enjoy the atmosphere of Vietnamese markets by visiting Dalat market, which is full of local specialties such as strawberry jam, dried fruits, avocado, artichoke.